

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Neva Gist, and we are richer because Neva lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Neva was born April 26, 1899, in Missouri; and,

Whereas, Neva has three daughters, nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and numerous great-great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Neva continues to entertain the residents and staff every Thursday morning at Beverly Healthcare Nursing Home at Madison where she resides, and indicates her secret to longevity is to take good care of yourself and live decently; and,

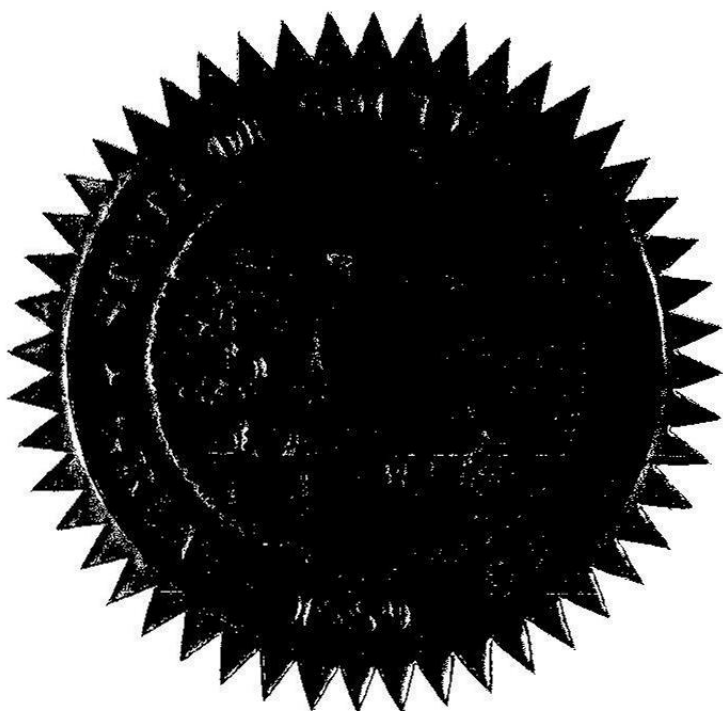
Whereas, Neva will observe her 107th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2006, as

NEVA GIST DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-first Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.



M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State